

THE ARIZONIAN.

THE SMACK IN SCHOOL.

[The following incident in a District School, described by Mr. William Pitt Palmer, of New York, President of the Manhattan Insurance Company, in an address before "The Literary Society," in Stockbridge, Mass., his native home, will take many, whose heads are now streaked with silver hairs, a journey back to boyhood and early life.]

A District School, not far away,
Mid Berkshire hills, one winter's day
Was humming with its wonted noise
Of three-score mingled girls and boys—
Some few upon their task intent,
But more on future mischief bent:
The while the master's downward look
Was fastened on a copy-book—
When suddenly, behind his back,
Rose sharp and clear a roving snarl:
As "twere a battery of brass
Let off in one tremendous clank!
"What's that?" the startled master cries,
"That, sir," a little lip replies,
"With William Willich, if you please—
I threw him with Thersianian force!"
With frown to make a states thrill,
The master thundered, "Higher Will!"
Like witchcraft, 'eraken to his track,
With stolen chastity on his back,
Will lunged his head in fear and shame
And to the awful presence came—
A great, green, bushy complexion,
The hint of all good-natured fun—
With smile suppressed, and lips upturned,
The threatenor faltered—"I'm awestruck,
That you, my biggest pupil, should
Be guilty of an act so rude!
Before the whole set school to look—
What evil genius put you to it?"
"Twice he heaved, sir," sobbed the lad,
"I didn't mean to be so bad.
But when Susanah shook her curls,
And whispered I was 'trailed of girls,
And didn't kiss a baby's doll,
I couldn't stand it, sir, at all,
But up and kissed her on the spot!
I know—how how—I ought to not,
But somehow from her looks—how how—
I thought she kind of wished me to!"

Winchell's Last.

The following anecdote is related by Winchell, in his inimitable way.

"One day, not long since, the accommodation train from Cleveland to Columbus had a convict on board, who was being taken by an officer to the penitentiary located at the last named place. The prisoner was covered with a cloak which concealed from view the shackles upon his wrists. He sat—slightly bowed—looking very glum, and probably reflecting upon the rather narrow prospect before him. A New England Yankee on the train had his curiosity particularly excited by what he inferred to be a considerable weight on the spirit of the convict; so he approached him with the intent to elicit, if possible, such information as would gratify his curiosity. The following are the questions he propounded, and the answers thereto:

"Goin' ter Klumbus?"
"Yes (Gruffly)."
"Goin' enny farther?"
"No."
"Goin' ter stop in Klumbus?"
"Yes."
"Goin' ter see enny friends there?"
"No."
"Goin' ter da enny kind o' work there?"
"Yes."
"Goin' ter start business on yer own hook?"
"No."
"What are ye goin' there for?"
"Goin' for seven years."
The Yankee's curiosity was almost satisfied.

A darkey arose to announce his text as follows: "In de fox pistol of Clover, second chapter and two hundred and ninety five verses." "Hold up, Doctor," cried one of his hearers, "you've got into de wrong book, you mean de pistol of Timothy I spoke." The preacher, hesitating a moment, with a very profound look, said: "Well, I must have in de time, though I knowed dat de text was somewhere among de grasses."

A merchant advertised for help, and was waited on by a gentleman lately from old Ireland.

Patrick: "I hear you are in want of help."
Merchant, (not liking Patrick's appearance): "I have but little to do at present."
Patrick: "Thin I'm the boy for ye: it's but little I want to do; it's the money I'm after!"

A sensible writer remarks: "Man doubles all the evils of his fate by pondering over them; a scratch becomes a wound; a slight injury a great ailment; a small peril a great danger; and a slight sickness often ends in death, by brooding apprehensions."

A histrionic party who has heard a great deal about the "Theatre of War," suggests that the back seats must be desirable.

A negro once gave this toast: "De late gubernator ob de State; he come in wid little opposition, him go out wid none at all."

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